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SUBJECT: U.S. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN SPAIN
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1. AN INTERAGENCY MEETING WILL BE HELD SOON TO REVIEW U.S. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN SPAIN. THE "GOALS IMPLEMENTATION - SPAIN" STATEMENT IN PARA 2 BELOW HAS BEEN DRAFTED FOR CONSIDERATION AT THIS MEETING. COMMENTS WHICH EMBASSY MAY WISH TO MAKE FOR FACTORING INTO THIS CONSIDERATION ARE WELCOME.

2. BEGIN TEXT: GOALS IMPLEMENTATION - SPAIN

IN IMPLEMENTING ESTABLISHED GOALS, THE AMBASSADOR AND HIS STAFF WILL:

-- CONTINUE TO EXPRESS STRONG SUPPORT FOR DEMOCRATIZATION, BOTH IN PRIVATE AND PUBLIC;

-- INTENSIFY CONTACTS WITH THE PSOE TO HELP THEM ATTAIN
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A MORE SOPHISTICATED APPRECIATION
OF US POLICIES, WESTERN DEFENSE INTERESTS, SPAIN'S COMMON
SHARING WITH THE REST OF THE WEST OF A BROAD SPECTRUM OF
INTERESTS AND GOALS AND TO PREPARE THE WAY FOR A GOOD

ORKING RELATIONSHIP WHENEVER THE PSOE MIGHT COME TO
POWER IN SPAIN;

-- MAKE FULL USE OF EXCHANGE, AMERICAN SPECIALIST, AND OTHER PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT CONSOLIDATION OF THE DEMOCRATIC TRANSITION, ESPECIALLY BY REACHING INFLUENTIAL POLITICAL AND LABOR FIGURES; EXPLORE HOW U.S. SPECIALISTS IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION COULD HELP BY CONTRIBUTING TO EFFECTIVE DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATIONS IN THE REGIONS;

-- WORK TO ENSURE THAT THE 1976 BILATERAL TREATY IS FULLY IMPLEMENTED, THAT OUR DEFENSE RELATIONSHIP REMAINS STABLE AND HEALTHY, AND THAT SPANIARDS PERCEIVE THIS RELATIONSHIP AS POSITIVE AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL;

-- CONTINUE THE SUPPORTIVE DIALOGUE WITH GOVERNMENT, POLITICAL AND MILITARY FIGURES REGARDING A SPANISH DECISION TO JOIN NATO; ENCOURAGE INVOLVEMENT OF OUR NATO PARTNERS IN THIS DIALOGUE; AND BEGIN INTRA-USG STUDY OF THE SHAPE OF THE US-SPANISH DEFENSE RELATIONSHIP IN LIGHT OF THE OUTCOME OF THE NATO MEMBERSHIP QUESTION;

-- ASSIST IN NEGOTIATION OF A REVISED BILATERAL NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT;

-- MONITOR AND REPORT PROGRESS OF SPAIN'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND REFORM EFFORTS; REPORT OPPORTUNITIES FOR U.S. TO BE HELPFUL EITHER BILATERALLY OR MULTILATERALLY WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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